

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize DeBasio Furniture and Mattress in St. Louis, Missouri, which will commemorate the resplendent occasion of its Seventy-fifth Anniversary on September 11, 2003; and

**Whereas**, John DeBasio opened DeBasio Furniture in the 100 block of Lemay Ferry Road in South County in 1928, and was quickly joined in business by his brother, Anthony, who helped him in his efforts to provide quality, value-oriented home furnishings with outstanding customer service both before and after the sale; and

**Whereas**, by 1953, DeBasio Furniture and Mattress had become a successful, growing business and moved to a more visible and accessible location at 651 Lemay Ferry Road, where it could provide its customers a larger selection of quality home furnishings at the best prices in St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, DeBasio Furniture and Mattress remodeled its main location in 1978 while its original location at 125 Lemay Ferry Road served as the DeBasio Clearance Center, selling one-of-a-kind items, closeouts, floor samples, and overstocks at rock-bottom prices until closing its doors in 1996; and

**Whereas**, DeBasio Furniture and Mattress moved to its 35,000 square foot location at 15892 Clayton Road at Clarkson in 1987, since which time it has maintained its glowing reputation as a leader in quality home furnishings in St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, DeBasio Furniture and Mattress acquired Cohens Draperies in 1990, a well-known St. Louis company that manufactures beautiful, affordable custom draperies and bedding and shutters and blinds at affordable prices, and is currently located in the DeBasio Furniture South County Store; and

**Whereas**, in 1997, DeBasio Furniture and Mattress opened a state-of-the-art facility at 2151 Lemay Ferry Road that includes within its 50,000 square foot showroom a café with complimentary refreshments, play area for children, revitalized clearance center, and merchandise organized in easy-to-shop categories; and

**Whereas**, through fires and floods, good times and bad, DeBasio Furniture and Mattress has withstood the test of time and has continually displayed its unwavering commitment to providing the greater St. Louis area with the perfect combination of quality, service, affordability, and style:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the DeBasio Family and to all the dedicated employees of DeBasio Furniture and Mattress upon this very special anniversary event; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for DeBasio Furniture and Mattress in St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative James W. Lembke  
District No. 85

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of  
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First

Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3993, adopted September 9, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker